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The Kremlin may be acting out one of the great ironies of history. The tool it is using to move in front of the world technological race may prove instead to be the fifth column that democratizes its tyranny. That tool is education. It may even bring peace nearer, whether or not it has any bearing on world leadership in the nuclear arms rate.

No less an authority than Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, thinks there is a chance that things will turn out this way...that somehow an educated Russian people, already peace-loving for the most part, will bring the Kremlin under a system of checks and balances.

Dulles says the Soviet's rush to educate the great majority of its youth represents, for the men in the Kremlin, a great and calculated risk. He thinks the program will, or at least should, bring in its train "increased expectations" on the part of the educated. "No matter how much the Soviet can condition a man's mind and control his destiny," Dulles says, "the state cannot in the end prevent a human being with education and with outlook to a broader world, from exercising a greater critical sense."

Hence, the Communists' program may culminate in an evolution of Soviet law and legal procedures. We may now be on the threshold, he says, of greater professional, cultural and scientific contact with Russia. Meetings between leading lawyers of our world and theirs may come. If so, Dulles says, we need not do any converting.